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SUBJECT: ENERGY: KITIMAT PROJECT AND TANKER TRAFFIC

1. B.C. PREMIER BENNETT TOLD PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 18 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT GIVEN "ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT" TO KITIMAT OIL PIPELINE PROJECT AND THAT FROM PRELIMINARY STUDIES HE COULD SEE LITTLE BENEFIT TO B.C. FROM THE PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO OTTAWA TO COME TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. TO SAFEGUARD B.C. AGAINST OIL SPILLS AND THAT PERHAPS A TRADE-OFF COULD BE ARRANGED SO THAT USE OF KITIMAT WOULD PRECLUDE TANKERS GOING TO CHERRY POINT OR PORT ANGELES.

2. PREMIER BENNETT ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE RECENT STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR DIXIE LEE RAY THAT OIL TANKERS ARE ACCEPTABLE IN PUGET SOUND. "IT IS NOT COMFORTING TO US THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART" ON THE PART OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNMENT.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO THE PIPELINE, THE UNITED FISHERMEN AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION, JOINED BY THE GREENPEACE FOUNDATION, ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BLOCKADE TANKERS APPROACHING NORTHERN CHANNELS VIA THE DIXON ENTRANCE AND THOSE HEADED THROUGH JUAN DE FUCA FOR CHERRY POINT. THE PLANS ARE BEING ORGANIZED ON THE ASSUMPTION SUPERTANKERS WILL ENTER B.C. WATERS SOME TIME

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